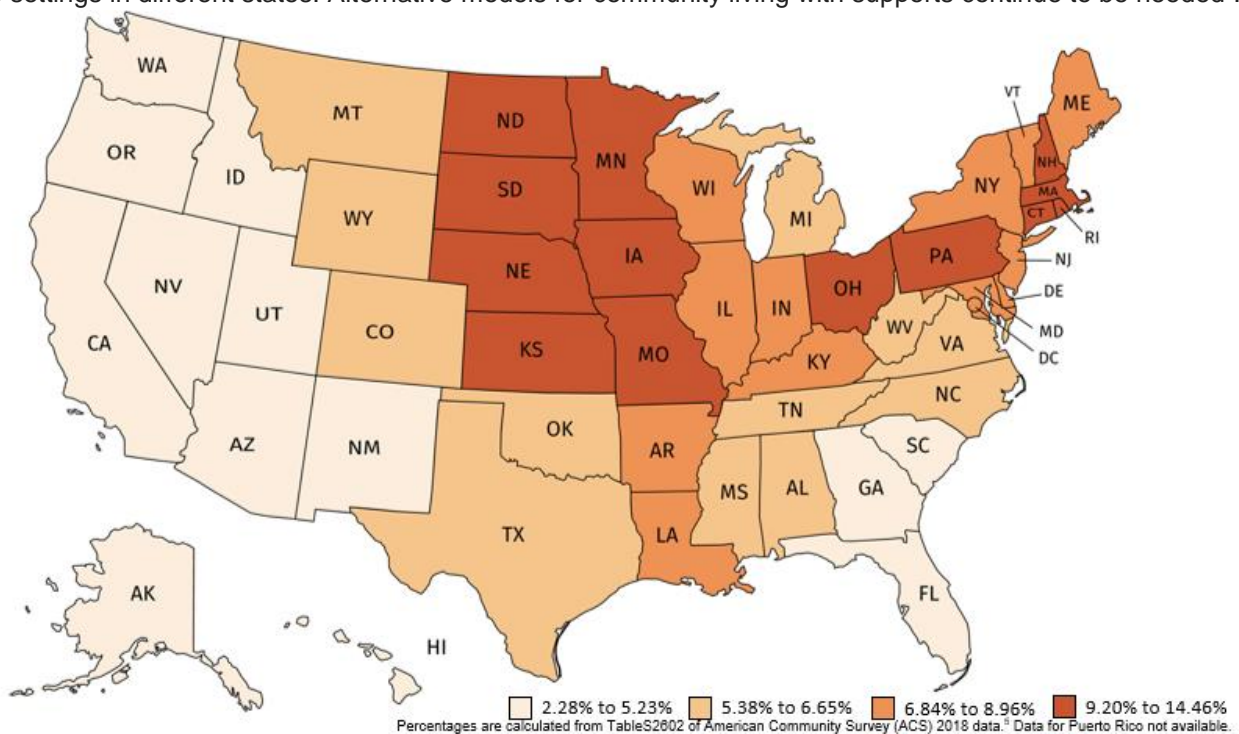


The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates the right to live in the community with supports instead of living in a nursing home. This right was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark Olmstead decision in 1999.¹ The civil right to live in the community instead of a nursing home equally applies to older adults with disabilities, especially as 77% of people age 50 and older prefer to live in their community as long as possible.²

Despite this right and desire to live in the community, some states are doing worse on overall nursing home rates, and some are doing better to support older adults with disabilities to live in the community. The map and table below display state percentages for older adults with disabilities (ages 65 and older) residing in nursing homes. Higher percentages (represented by a darker color) mean more people with disabilities are living in nursing homes, while lower percentages (light colors) mean more people are living in the community.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted issues with nursing homes, with 33-75% of COVID deaths occurring in these congregate settings in different states. Alternative models for community living with supports continue to be needed.^{3,4}



People with Disabilities (PWD) Age 65+ Residing in Nursing Homes by State (Quartiles)

State	Percent	PWD	State	Percent	PWD	State	Percent	PWD	State	Percent	PWD
Nevada	2.28%	3,533	West Virginia	5.38%	8,256	Delaware	6.84%	3,656	Pennsylvania	9.20%	74,458
Arizona	2.51%	10,142	Colorado	5.52%	13,661	Louisiana	6.90%	19,061	Missouri	9.22%	35,285
New Mexico	3.17%	4,401	Alabama	5.63%	18,666	Arkansas	7.01%	14,911	Massachusetts	9.24%	34,263
Utah	3.44%	3,838	Texas	5.73%	75,331	Kentucky	7.09%	21,143	Ohio	9.25%	64,413
Oregon	3.62%	9,158	Virginia	5.78%	24,402	DC	7.34%	2,254	Kansas	10.02%	16,795
Alaska	3.76%	1,179	Michigan	5.96%	35,153	Maryland	7.58%	21,890	Minnesota	10.34%	28,835
Idaho	4.04%	3,790	Mississippi	6.27%	12,325	New Jersey	7.95%	36,653	Connecticut	10.38%	20,133
Florida	4.31%	59,774	Tennessee	6.40%	26,964	Vermont	7.99%	3,131	New Hampshire	10.56%	8,256
California	4.44%	85,020	North Carolina	6.43%	37,796	Maine	8.07%	7,404	Rhode Island	10.76%	6,732
Washington	4.70%	18,448	Wyoming	6.54%	2,171	New York	8.41%	90,068	Nebraska	10.87%	11,412
Hawaii	4.84%	4,121	Montana	6.62%	4,367	Wisconsin	8.43%	25,797	Iowa	12.47%	22,027
South Carolina	5.20%	15,987	Oklahoma	6.62%	17,007	Indiana	8.87%	34,210	South Dakota	12.55%	6,128
Georgia	5.23%	26,466	United States	6.65%	1,197,877	Illinois	8.96%	60,615	North Dakota	14.46%	5,880

The Americans with Disabilities Act Participation Action Research Consortium (ADA-PARC) is a collaborative national project to document participation disparities experienced by people with disabilities at the national, state and city levels. For more information on your state visit ADAPARC.ORG. For more information about your rights go to the ADA National Network ADATA.ORG

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